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Middle East

[Kerry says doubling U.S. non-lethal aid to Syrian opposition](#)

Author/Source: David Brunnstrom/Reuters

(Reuters) - U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said on Sunday that the United States would double its non-lethal aid to opposition forces in Syria to \$250 million and that foreign backers had agreed to channel all future assistance through the rebels' Supreme Military Council.

[United States asked Turkey PM to delay Gaza trip: Kerry](#)

Author/Source: David Brunnstrom/Reuters

(Reuters) - The United States asked Turkey's leader to delay a Gaza Strip visit so as not to upset U.S. efforts to revive Ankara's ties with Israel and Middle East peace talks, Secretary of State John Kerry said on Sunday.

[Arms deal with Middle East allies signal to Iran: Hagel](#)

Author/Source: David Alexander/Reuters

(Reuters) - Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said on Sunday a \$10 billion arms deal planned with Arab and Israeli allies sent a "very clear signal" to Iran that military options remain on the table over its nuclear program.

[Yemen drone strike kills two suspected militants: security source](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Two suspected members of al Qaeda were killed on Sunday in a U.S. drone strike on a site used for training members of the Islamist network in central Yemen's Marib province, a security official told Reuters.

[AQAP confirms death of commander, charges father and son with 'spying' for US](#)

Author/Source: Bill Roggio/Long War Journal

Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula has confirmed that a local commander linked to a 2008 attack on the US Embassy in Sana'a was killed in a drone strike last November.

[Poll: 61% support immediate haredi enlistment](#)

Author/Source: Jeremy Sharon/The Jerusalem Post

A poll conducted for the Hiddush religious-freedom lobbying group by the Rafi Smith Institute found that 61 percent of the population was opposed to postponing the implementation of obligatory haredi enlistment until 2017, as will be proposed by government legislation.

[Jordan Valley troops prepare for W. Bank violence](#)

Source: The Jerusalem Post

The IDF's Jordan Valley Regional Brigade completed in recent days a monthlong training program designed to prepare soldiers for an escalation of Palestinian violence in the West Bank.



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[PM: Eilat rockets likely fired by Gazan terrorists](#)

Author/Source: JPOST.com Staff, Yaakov Lappin/The Jerusalem Post

The two Grad rockets fired at the southern resort city Eilat last week were likely fired by a terrorist cell originating from Gaza and operating at the Sinai peninsula, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said at the opening of the weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday.

[Insight: Battered by war, Syrian army creates its own replacement](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - In Syria, for scores of men called each month to join the army for deadly combat, there is a more attractive alternative: stay home, join a loyalist paramilitary group, and get a share of the loot in raids on President Bashar al-Assad's enemies.

[Assad's forces kill 85 in Damascus suburb, activists say](#)

Author/Source: Khaled Yacoub Oweis/Reuters

(Reuters) - Syrian forces and militiamen loyal to President Bashar al-Assad killed at least 85 people when they stormed a Damascus suburb after five days of fighting, opposition activists in the area said on Sunday.

[Syria fighting flares both sides of Lebanese border](#)

By Khaled Yacoub Oweis/Reuters

(Reuters) - Syrian troops and Lebanese Shi'ite militias attacked rebel-held areas on the two countries' border on Sunday, in the heaviest clashes of Syria's civil war in the strategic region, Lebanese and Syrian sources said.

[Analysis: Bahrain's rulers evade F1 fiasco but crisis endures](#)

Author/Source: Alexander Dziadosz/Reuters

(Reuters) - Bahrain's rulers can breathe a sigh of relief after a prized Formula One race went off largely unhindered by unrest, but in villages beyond the well-protected Grand Prix bubble simmering communal tensions still pose a stubborn challenge to stability.

[IAEA says top official's resignation won't change Iran policy](#)

Author/Source: Fredrik Dahl/Reuters

(Reuters) - The U.N. nuclear watchdog said on Sunday that the resignation of one of its top officials who have been leading talks with Iran would not change its policy in dealing with Tehran over its disputed atomic program.

[' Hamas to ask EU to remove it from terrorism list'](#)

Author/Source: JPOST.com Staff/The Jerusalem Post

The new Hamas politburo plans to recruit support for the movement in Europe in order to try and remove it from the EU's terrorism list, Palestinian news agency Ma'an reported on Sunday.

Central Asia

South Asia

[Afghan girls' school feared hit by poison gas](#)

Author/Source: Folad Hamdard/Reuters



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(Reuters) - As many as 74 schoolgirls in Afghanistan's far north fell sick after smelling gas and were being examined for possible poisoning, local officials said on Sunday.

[Afghanistan second largest export market of Pakistani goods](#)

Author/Source: Zahir Shah Sherazi/Dawn News

PESHAWAR: Pakistan's Ambassador to Afghanistan, Mohammad Sadiq said on Sunday that peace in Afghanistan was the top priority of his country and its foreign policy.

[Taliban attacks kill nine people in Afghanistan](#)

Source: AFP

KABUL: Insurgents shot six police officers dead at a checkpoint and a suicide bomber killed three civilians at a shopping bazaar in two attacks in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday.

[India protests target police, government after child rape](#)

Author/Source: Nita Bhalla/Reuters

(Reuters) - Small groups of protesters dodged police and tried to reach the homes of India's leaders in the capital New Delhi on Sunday, in a third day of protests after the alleged rape and torture of a five-year old girl.

[Militant ambush kills four security personnel in Waziristan](#)

Author/Source: Zahir Shah Sherazi/Dawn News

PESHAWAR: A convoy of security forces was ambushed with an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Mirali area of North Waziristan in which four security personnel were killed and four others were critically injured.

[Grenade attack in Kharan, one wounded](#)

Author/Source: Syed Ali Shah/Dawn News

QUETTA: Militants threw a hand grenade at the residence of an election commission officer in Stanchion's Kharan town in Balochistan, Levies said.

[ANP workers killed in Pishin](#)

Author/Source: Syed Ali Shah/Dawn News

QUETTA: Three Awami National Party (ANP) workers were killed in a firing incident in Pishin district of Balochistan on Sunday.

[Pakistan not to fight American war, says Imran](#)

Source: Dawn News

KARAK: Addressing a rally in Karak, Pakistan Tehrik-i-Insaaf chief Imran Khan said on Sunday that Pakistani Armed forces and people of Pakistan would not be allowed to fight the American war.

East Asia

[Insight: Malaysia opposition sees state model guiding path to power](#)

Author/Source: Stuart Grudgings/Reuters

(Reuters) - Lim Guan Eng, the hyperactive chief minister of Malaysia's Penang state, is not the type to miss a good photo-opportunity, so there were plenty of witnesses when he handed over the keys to his government Mercedes ahead of a May 5 general election.



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Militants wreak havoc in Pattani

Source: Bangkok Post

Militants set fires at many different spots in four districts of Pattani province on Saturday night to cause a disturbance, provincial police chief Pol Maj-Gen Ekapop Prasitwattanachai said.

Mayor wounded, two dead in Philippine ambush

Source: AFP

CAGAYAN DE ORO, PHILIPPINES: Communist guerrillas have wounded a town mayor and killed two of her aides in a pre-election ambush in the southern Philippines, police said on Sunday.

Japan PM Abe's war shrine offering likely to infuriate China

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made a ritual offering of a pine tree to a shrine seen as a symbol of Japan's former militarism on Sunday, a gesture likely to upset Asian victims of Japan's war-time aggression, including China and South Korea.

North Korea moves two more missile launchers: Report

Source: AFP

SEOUL: North Korea has moved two more missile launchers to its east coast, where preparations are apparently under way for a missile test as tensions simmer on the peninsula, a report said Sunday.

Africa

Sudanese police mutiny as security deteriorates in Darfur

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - A group of Sudanese policemen have staged a mutiny in Darfur, according to state news agency SUNA on Sunday, in a fresh sign of the deteriorating security situation in the vast western region.

Sudan to start peace talks with border state rebels

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Sudan will start peace talks on Tuesday with insurgents fighting government troops in two states bordering South Sudan in a conflict which has displaced hundreds of thousands of people, according to state media on Sunday.

Somali reporter killed in fourth journalist murder this year

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - A Somali journalist working for the government broadcaster was shot dead outside his home in the capital Mogadishu on Sunday, the fourth reporter to be murdered in the country this year, the union of journalists said.

Egypt justice minister quits, cites Islamist protest

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Egypt's Justice Minister Ahmed Mekky has resigned in protest at "an assault" on



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the judiciary by President Mohamed Mursi's Islamist backers, a spokesman said on Sunday, underlining mounting tensions between the judiciary and the executive.

Europe

[Hungarians protest anti-Semitism in rally ahead of WJC](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - Tens of thousands of Hungarians rallied on Sunday to protest against what they said was growing anti-Semitism in the country which will host the plenary meeting of the World Jewish Congress next month.

[Feisty German minister stands up to Merkel](#)

Author/Source: Erik Kirschbaum/Reuters

(Reuters) - The political wilderness in Germany is filled with once-powerful conservative party barons, overly confident men who dared to challenge Angela Merkel and lost.

South and Central America and the Caribbean

[Analysis: Rough start to post-Chavez era augurs badly for Venezuela](#)

Author/Source: Andrew Cawthorne/Reuters

(Reuters) - About the only tranquil place in Caracas over the last few days is a hilltop military museum housing the remains of late socialist leader Hugo Chavez.

[Trinidad's national security minister, ex-FIFA official Warner quits -official](#)

Author/Source: Linda Hutchinson-Jafar/Reuters

(Reuters) - Former FIFA vice president Jack Warner resigned as Trinidad and Tobago's national security minister on Sunday, two days after an investigation accused him of "fraudulent" management of the CONCACAF soccer confederation, the prime minister's office said.

[Police officers get 156 years for 1992 Brazilian prison massacre](#)

Source: Reuters

(Reuters) - A Brazilian court sentenced 23 police officers on Sunday to 156 years in jail each for killing 13 inmates in Brazil's bloodiest prison revolt in which 111 inmates died more than 20 years ago.

US and Canada

[Dagestani jihadist group issues statement on Boston bombings](#)

Author/Source: Thomas Joscelyn/Long War Journal

Vilayat Dagestan, a jihadist group that is part of the Caucasus Emirate, an al Qaeda-linked group operating in the North Caucasus, has issued a statement on the Boston Marathon bombings.

[FBI interviewed Boston suspect after 2011 tip](#)

Source: The Associated Press

WASHINGTON: The Russian FSB intelligence security service told the FBI in early 2011 about information that Tamerlan Tsarnaev, one of the brothers suspected in the Boston Marathon bombings, was a follower of radical Islam, two law enforcement officials said Saturday.